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S. RES. 351

Recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Mississippi on December 10,
2017.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 7, 2017

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Mississippi on
December 10, 2017.

Whereas December 10, 2017, marks a historic bicentennial,
denoting 200 years since the State of Mississippi was ad-
mitted to the Union;

Whereas this momentous occasion marks a time for Mis-
sissippians and all people of the United States to remem-
ber the past and celebrate the future, including the sig-
nificant contributions of the State of Mississippi to the
culture, governance, and intellect of the United States;

Whereas on March 1, 1817, President James Madison signed
into law “An Act to enable the people of the western part
of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution and
state government, and for the admission of such state
into the union, on an equal footing with the original

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states” (3 Stat. 348, chapter 23), setting the boundaries for the State of Mississippi;

Whereas on December 10, 1817, the United States approved the Mississippi Constitution and admitted the State of Mississippi as the 20th State of the Union;

Whereas the history of Mississippi is most deeply rooted in the people and land of Mississippi, which has produced a unique and rich culture distinct from any other State;

Whereas in the 200 years since the birth of Mississippi as a sovereign State, the citizens of Mississippi have made many significant achievements in agriculture, art, cuisine, industry, literature, music, science, and many other important areas;

Whereas Mississippians have shown their patriotism to the United States through their dedicated service to the protection of the United States through every major conflict;

Whereas the land of Mississippi has produced crops, timber, and protein for the United States and the world while surviving the devastation of hurricanes and other natural disasters over the course of the history of Mississippi; and

Whereas the Mississippi Bicentennial Celebration Commission is dedicated to celebrating all aspects of the past 200 years of history of Mississippi as a State and has planned numerous major events in coordination with communities, which will culminate on December 9, 2017, with the grand opening of—

(1) the Museum of Mississippi History; and

(2) the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the momentous occasion of the
2 bicentennial of the State of Mississippi on December
3 10, 2017;

4 (2) encourages all Mississippians to observe the
5 day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

6 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
7 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
8 tion to—

9 (A) the Governor of Mississippi;

10 (B) the National Archives; and

11 (C) the Mississippi Department of Archives
12 and History.

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